

AMENDMENTS TO THE ABSTRACT:

Please amend the Abstract as follows:

~~Abstract~~ **ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

~~Disclosed is a~~ A computer implemented billing method and system is arranged to assign a charge type identifier (CTI) to each of a number of usage records; and to process each usage record in dependence on its assigned CTI to produce a bill image, the format of the bill image being dependent on the CTIs of the usage records. ~~Also disclosed is a method of generating a bill image in a computer implemented billing system, the method comprising the steps of assigning a charge type identifier (CTI) to each of a number of usage records and processing each usage record in dependence on its assigned CTI to produce a bill image, the format of the bill image being dependent on the CTIs of the usage records.~~